

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

Claim 63 is amended, claims 1 - 62 and 74 - 83 are canceled, and claims 84 - 102 are added; as a result, claims 63 - 73 and 84 - 102 are now pending in this application.

The Office Action Summary states that claims 63 - 73 are allowed and page 2 of the Office Action states that claims 67 - 73 are allowed. Applicant is unable to find, in the Office Action, a rejection of record for claims 63 - 73. Claims 63 - 66 depend from independent claim 43 and claims 68 - 73 depend from independent claim 67. Accordingly, Applicant treats claims 63 - 66 as objected to and claims 67 - 73 as allowed.

Claim 63 was originally presented as a dependent claim and is amended herein to include the subject matter of independent claim 43. New claims 84 - 102 are based on dependent claims 42 - 62. It is believed that no new matter is introduced by the amendment and that support for the amendment appears throughout the specification. It is believed that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

This amendment is submitted for the purpose of obtaining early issuance of the claims that are indicated to be allowed. Applicant reserves the right to submit and prosecute the canceled claims in a continuation application.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6911 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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